Head to Ohio

Our 17th state, Ohio was home to Native Americans for thousands of years. Its name comes from the Seneca people and means “great river.”

It became a state in 1803. It was one of the main stops on the Underground Railroad, offering safety to fleeing slaves.

Main stops on the Underground Railroad were: Cincinnati, Ohio, including the Lamar Hunt Super Bowl Gallery and artifacts from the most recent football season.

Visiting the Buckeye State

The Millennium Force steel roller coaster at Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio, is one of the tallest and fastest rides in the world, with a 300-foot drop and speeds of up to 95 mph.

Football fans enjoy the exhibits at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, featuring the Lamar Hunt Super Bowl Gallery and artifacts from the most recent football season.

Ohio is home to two Major League Baseball teams and two NFL teams, along with soccer, hockey and NBA teams.

Eco Note

Warning: Ocean waters due to climate change appear to be an important factor behind a number of large-scale die-offs of farmed salmon. But disease outbreaks have also been well documented as the cause of numerous deaths. With the die-offs becoming more frequent and larger in scale, salmon farms are now under renewed review.

Farmers “are plagued by sea lice and disease, suffer from stressful handling and treatments, and live a monotonous life in barren, caged cages,” said OneKind spokeswoman Kirsty Jenkins.

Cook’s Corner

Marvelous Meatloaf

You’ll need:

1 1/2 pounds ground beef
1 egg, beaten
1/4 cup tomato sauce
3/4 cup dry bread crumbs
1/2 onion, chopped
1/2 cup ketchup
1/2 cup brown sugar

What to do:

1. Combine all ingredients, except ketchup and brown sugar, in a large bowl. Mix well.
3. Spread ketchup mixture evenly over meat mixture.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each word. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letters make a word with the same meaning as the clue.

Answers: world, blank, unusual, corner, market, famous, hatch.

Mini Jokes

Ollie: What did Neil Armstrong find in his skillet?
Oma: Be unidentified frying object!

For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles that mention Ohio.

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Mini Facts:

• The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, seen here, opened in Cleveland in 1995.

• Marblehead Lighthouse on the shore of Lake Erie was first lighted in 1822. It’s the oldest light continually in use on the U.S. side of the Great Lakes.


Famous Ohioans

• LeBron James plays for the NBA’s Los Angeles Lakers. “King James” was born in Akron, Ohio, in 1984. Along with many other titles, he has won two gold medals playing for the U.S. men’s national Olympic basketball team.

• The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame is based in Cleveland.

Next Week: Fun on a bike

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